Ald. Stringer moved that Mr. Morrow be granted exemption from taxes and free water for five years.

Ald. Vining seconded. Carried.

REPORTS ADOPTED.

Ald. Bowman, Chairman of No. 1 Committee, said there was the 17th, 18th and 19th clauses of the 7th report *re* the salaries, and the whole of the 8th report, deferred for consideration from last meeting except the accounts.

17th clause—Recommend that the salaries be the same as in 1886

The remainder of the 7th report was passed

The 8th report was then read clause by clause.

The first five clauses—(1) recommending payment of accounts; (2) allowing Mrs. Wyckoff a rebate of $21 40 on taxes; (3) that the petitions of C. Greason and H. Mc Mechan be filed; (4) progress *re* petitions of Mrs. Moran, J. Francis, G. D Sutherland and others; (5) that the communications of J. M. Wilson and call men of the Fire Department be considered with the salary clauses of the Committee's 7th report—were passed.

On motion of Ald. Bowman, the 6th clause of the report recommending the passage of by law to exempt Spencer & Co. from taxation for five years, and leave to lay pipes on Simcoe street, opposite their property, was left in abeyance pending the report of the Special Committee on exemptions.

Clause 7—that clause 16, *re* expropriation in Act to incorporate the Western Fair Association, be struck out—passed.

Clause 8—that the Council memoralize the Legislature against the passage of amendments to the Assessment Act *re* income exemptions—was read.

Ald. Bowman moved that the memorial be filled up and sent down to the Local Legislature.

Ald. Davis seconded.

Ald. Stringer moved in amendment that the clause be struck out.

The discussion which followed was on the subject of the right of bachelors to pay taxes and the question whether the passage of the amendment to the Assessment Act would result in the higher rating of the real property.

Ald. Stringer said the workingman with a little property was paying taxes on his property—and on his income, too—and the raise to $700 would let him out.

The amendment was lost, and the clause passed on the following vote:—

Yeas—Ald. Taylor, Davis, McDonald, Greer, Moore, Bowman, Vining, George Taylor, McIntosh.

Nays—Ald. Stringer, Dreaney and Heaman.

The remaining clauses, recommending that the prayers of the petitions of Geo. Heaman and Mrs. Donnelly be granted, passed, and the report as amended was adopted.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE

Eighth report, submitted as follows by Ald. Bowman, Chairman:

1—Your Committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct recommend the same for payment:—

NO. 1 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Salaries, etc—			
March quarter		$3,465 00	
Incidental expenses—			
Deputation to Toronto	$ 12 00		
Telegram	88	12 88	
Printing, advertising, etc—			
Advertiser P. & P. Co.	$ 25 00		
Administration of Justice—			
Court House & Jail	$1,599 14		
Clerk of Peace	99 74		
Jurors' expenses	597 56		
Sheriff's charges	121 50	2,417 93	
			$5,920 81

NO 2 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Streets, etc—			
Pay sheet	$ 253 27		
"	166 44		
	22 50	442 21	
Moses Cox			
Sewer repairs—			
J. Garratt		38 30	
Town Hall—			
Hunt Bros	$ 6 82		
			$ 487 33

NO. 3 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Hospital—			
Pay sheet	$ 251 25		
George Vatcher	28 00	279 25	
Street Lighting—			
Wm. Ironsides	$ 169 50		
		$ 448 75	
			$6,856 89

2—That the petitions of J. Fulcher and Geo. C. Keyes be referred to the Court of Revision.

3—That the petitions of John Francis *re* dog tax and Mrs. J. C. Daley *re* income tax be granted.

4—That the petitions of Mrs. Moran, Robt. McCurdy and J. J. Wallace be filed.

5—That the communication of the Secretary of the City Horticultural Society *re* Queen's Park be filed, action having been taken.

6—Your Committee beg to report progress on the petitions of D. G. Sutherland, *et al. re* museum, John Ward and Mrs. Keefe.

7—That the petition of A. B. Greer, *et al. re* athletic grounds be referred to the Council.

8—That the affidavit of the London and Petrolia Barrel Company be accepted and the exemption granted as provided by by-law.

9—Your Committee beg to recommend the passage of the Police Benefit Fund by law, confirming the grant made by the Council.

10—Your Committee beg to refer back the applications for the position of Assistant City Clerk.

11—Your Committee beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for the month of March.

The report being taken up clause by clause, the first three clauses were adopted.

On motion of Ald. Stringer, the fourth clause of the report was amended by remitting one-half of Mrs. Moran's taxes.

The balance of the report was adopted.

Ald. submitted draft of petition to the Legislature Assembly of the Province of Ontario to be forwarded to W. R. Meredith, Esq., M. P. P. as follows:—

Your petitioners humbly beg that the bill providing for an alteration in the Assessment law granting an exemption for wage earners of $700 of their income from taxation be not passed for the following reasons:

1—By it the amount of taxes to be levied would have to be paid by a reduced number of persons

2—That the said taxes would fall largely on small property holders, whose taxes would have to be increased in the same ratio as the amount of exemption to others was granted.

3—That many of the wage earners are young men and bachelors who have no house to provide, and would be pauperizing them to a large extent, and unjustly burdening those who are making homes for themselves.

Ald Stringer moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Dreany, that the clause be struct out. Lost.

Clause adopted.

Yeas—Ald. Chas. Taylor, Davis, McDonald, Greer, Moule, Bowman, Moore, Vining, Geo. Taylor, and McIntosh. 10

Nays—Ald. Stringer, Dreany and Heaman.

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S WANTS.

The deputation in favor of the grant of $10,000 to the Athletic Association were then heard.

Mr. Peter Birtwistle would like to know from the Aldermen, who said that Queen's Park would be fitted up as a recreation grounds, how the Association and the Fair Grounds could run the grounds in common? How much did the Fair Association propose to spend for purely athletic purposes? Could the Association have control of the grounds up there all the year round, or would they be at the disposal of the Fair Association? They had tried that on the old grounds, and had not found it worked very well. He repeated the offer made before No. 1 Committee to guarantee the interest.

Messrs. John McMartin, A. B. Cox and Charles Bezan spoken strongly in favor of the Council encouraging sports.

Ald. Davis moved, seconded by Ald. McDonald, that the whole question regarding the establishment of an athletic park be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Ald. Charles Taylor, McDonald, Hook, Vining and McIntosh. Carried.

Mr. H. C Green asked permission to move a frame building across Bathurst street, used by Mr. Magee as a factory, the land being wanted for the new M.C.R. depot.

Ald. Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Greer, that in case of no resident affected objecting, the request be granted. Carried.

AN ALDERMANIC JAUNT.

A motion by Ald. Bowman, that the whole Council visit Springbank this afternoon at 2 o'clock, was carried.

The by-law granting $500 to the Police Fund was passed.

EXEMPTIONS COMMITTEE.

Ald. Vining (chairman) reported—Re J. R. Minhinnick's application—Your Committee would recommend that no action be taken as it would open the way to a great number of similar applications: and your Committee are of the opinion that owing to the number of similar businesses now established in the city, it would be undesirable to make any exceptions in regard to the owners and promoters of said business. The same finding is reported in the applications of W. S. Wilson and W. H. Winnett. Adopted.

Ald. Moore presented the report of the Committee on agreement between the city and London West, and on motion of Ald. Taylor it was laid over to be taken up at the meeting on Monday evening next as the first business.

The by law exempting the Spencer refinery was referred back to the Committee, with a motion by Ald. Taylor to add another clause.

Ald. Davis reported verbally for the deputation to Toronto in support of the Hospital Act.

Report adopted.

The Council adjourned.